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MARCH 29, 1806.

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Read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed on the 18th instant, the “ bill to provide for the adjustment of titles of land in the territory of Michigan, and for other purposes”.

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## A Bill,

To amend the act, entitled “An act to divide the Indiana Territory into two separate governments,” and for other purposes.

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1 *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the*  
2 *United States of America, in congress assembled,* That until the  
3 third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred seven,  
4 the government of the territory of Michigan, that is to say, the go-  
5 vernor and the judges thereof, or any three of them, or a majority  
6 of any three of them, in case the office of the fourth be vacant, or  
7 he be absent from the seat of government, or unable to attend,  
8 shall make laws for the good government of the same, not repug-  
9 nant to the principles of the constitution and laws of the United  
10 States, and subject to be reported and disapproved as herein after  
11 mentioned.

1    Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the said  
 2 third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred seven,  
 3 the legislative power, subject to the provision hereinafter men-  
 4 tioned, shall be vested in a legislature, which shall consist of a  
 5 senate and house of representatives; the former of which shall be  
 6 composed of the three judges appointed by the president of the  
 7 United States, by and with the advice and consent of the senate  
 8 of the United States, and the latter of five members, chosen every  
 9 year, by the people of the said territory, in such manner as shall  
 10 be provided by law by the government of the territory for the time  
 11 being.

1    Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all bills shall be referred  
 2 to the governor of the territory for his approbation; and every bill  
 3 returned by him in five days to the house in which it originated,  
 4 without his approbation, shall not take effect, unless repassed by  
 5 two thirds of both houses.

1    Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the number of the house  
 2 of representatives may be increased, whenever it may be deemed  
 3 necessary, by a law of the territory for that purpose, provided, that  
 4 such increase do not exceed the number of four members, in any  
 5 period of two years, and provided, that the number shall not at  
 6 any time exceed twenty-five members.

1    Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That after the said third day  
 2 of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred seven, the peo-  
 3 ple of the said territory shall be entitled to a delegate to congress,

4 who shall have a seat in congress, with a right of debating but not  
 5 of voting, during this temporary government; the election of such  
 6 delegate to be made in such manner as may by the government of  
 7 the territory, for the time being, be by law provided, so that such  
 8 election at all times be by the people of the said territory.

1    *Sec. 6. And be it further enacted,* That the people of the said  
 2 territory, as soon as it shall contain a population of forty thousand  
 3 souls, shall have power, by a convention, to be elected by the peo-  
 4 ple, in such manner as may by the government of the territory for  
 5 the time being be by law provided, to form a constitution of state  
 6 government, and shall be admitted as a state into the union.

1    *Sec. 7. And be it further enacted,* That all laws which may be  
 2 passed during this temporary government, shall be reported as soon  
 3 as may be, after the passing of the same, to the president of the  
 4 United States, to be laid before congress, and if disapproved, to be  
 5 of no force; and the president of the United States, when congress  
 6 is not in session, may suspend the operation of any law until the  
 7 expiration of their next session.

1    *Sec. 8. And be it further enacted,* That in the future appointments  
 2 of the judges of the said territory, the commission shall express if the  
 3 office be that of chief judge, or associate judge; and in case of the  
 4 death, removal, resignation, or necessary absence of the governor of  
 5 the said territory, the chief judge shall execute the duties of the go-  
 6 vernor during the vacancy, and if there be no chief judge, the  
 7 speaker of the house of representatives.

1 Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the secretary of the said  
 2 territory shall hereafter be appointed by the governor thereof, and  
 3 the said secretary shall perform the duties of private secretary to the  
 4 governor, and of secretary to the governor and judges when acting  
 5 in their legislative department, and of secretary to the senate, after  
 6 the organization of the legislature, and such other duties as he may  
 7 be charged with by the laws of the territory.

1 Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That the oaths of office of the  
 2 governor of the said territory, and of the judges and secretary there-  
 3 of, may be administered by any person holding a judicial office un-  
 4 der the government of the United States.

1 Sec. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That the governor of the said  
 2 territory shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons in all capi-  
 3 tal cases under the laws of the said territory, and to suspend the ex-  
 4 ecution of the sentence in all capital cases under the laws of the  
 5 United States, until the opinion of the President of the United States  
 6 thereon can be obtained; and he shall have the command and super-  
 7 intendence of the military force of the United States, within the ter-  
 8 ritory, subject to the direction, in all respects, of the president of  
 9 the United States.

1 Sec. 12. *And be it further enacted,* That the annual salary of the  
 2 governor of the said territory, shall be the sum of  
 3 dollars; of the chief judge thereof, the sum of  
 4 dollars; of each associate judge thereof,  
 5 the sum of dollars; and there shall be  
 6 allowed to the secretary of the governor, the annual salary of

7 dollars, and such further compensation  
 8 as may be allowed by the laws of the territory ; and there shall be  
 7 allowed to each member of the legislature the sum of one dollar and  
 8 twenty-five cents for each day they shall be in session, provided  
 9 the number of days do not exceed twenty-five in any one year, the  
 10 whole payable quarterly at the treasury of the United States.

1 Sec. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the accounting officers of  
 2 the treasury shall liquidate and settle the salaries of the governor,  
 3 judges and secretary of the said territory, from the first day of  
 4 March, until the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred five ;  
 5 provided that the salary of any of them who were resident in the  
 6 said territory at the time of their appointments, be not included  
 7 herein.

1. Sec. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall not be necessary  
 2 for the governor, judges or secretary of the said territory to hold  
 3 lands therein.

1 Sec. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That the secretary of state  
 2 shall provide proper seals for the several and respective public  
 3 offices in the said territory ; and the laws of the said territory which  
 4 have been or hereafter may be enacted, shall be printed under the  
 5 direction of the secretary of state, and five hundred copies thereof,  
 6 together with twenty-five sets of the laws of the United States,  
 7 shall be delivered to the governor of the said territory, to be dis-  
 8 tributed as may be by the government of the territory for the time  
 9 being by law provided ; and the secretary of state shall cause to be  
 10 printed in the French language, such number of copies of the laws

11 of the said territory, not exceeding five hundred, as he may deem  
12 necessary, to be distributed in like manner.

1 Sec. 16. *And be it further enacted,* That the western boundary of  
2 the territory of Michigan shall be a line drawn from the southerly  
3 bend or extreme of lake Michigan, through the middle of said lake,  
4 to the most northern and western extreme of Green or Puan bay,  
5 thence the nearest course to lake Superior, and thence due north  
6 to the northern boundary of the United States; and all that part  
7 of the Indiana territory which lies west of the territory of Michigan,  
8 and north of a line drawn west from the southern bend or extreme  
9 of lake Michigan until it shall intersect the river Mississippi, shall  
10 constitute a separate district, and be called the district of Saratoga,  
11 and shall, for the purpose of temporary government, be attached  
12 to the territory of Michigan.